Non-availability of clothes, meal, etc.

†4467. SHRI DHARM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers, labourers, males and females living in the country-side neither get two square meal nor clothes to cover up the body every month; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) Although the number of rural people not having adequate food and clothing is not monitored, Government have initiated a number of programmes such as Targeted Public Distribution System, Annapoorna and Antyodaya to ensure food supply to the rural poor. Further, several poverty alleviation and employment generation programmes such as Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and National Food For Work Programme (NFFWP) are also implemented by the Government to improve the living condition of the rural poor.

Financial assistance to States for providing potable water

4468. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3072 given in Rajya Sabha on 20th April 2005 and state:

(a) whether it is proposed to give full financial assistance to State Governments to provide potable water to people living in villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Rural Drinking Water Supply is a state subject. The Government of India, however, supplements the efforts of the State Governments is providing drinking water supply to the rural habitations by rendering financial assistance under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated

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